

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3918
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2007
FOODS SAMPLES
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food samples taken by medical health department of Railways during 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively and the number out of them which were found adulterated or unsafe; and

(b) the action taken in the cases where samples were found adulterated or unsafe?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) & (b) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3918 BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.05.2007 REGARDING FOOD SAMPLES.

(a) & (b) :

I) NUMBER OF FOOD SAMPLES TAKEN UNDER PFA ACT:-

Year	No. of samples taken	No. of samples found unsatisfactory	Action taken on unsatisfactory Samples.
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			Prosecution is launched in the competent court of law as per provisions of PFA Act, 1954 and in case of minor offences, departmental action e.g. fine, etc. is imposed.
2001	6813	274	

2002	7357	321	
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2003	6720	230	
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II) NUMBER OF FOOD SAMPLES TAKEN UNDER QUALITY CONTROL:-

Year	No. of Samples Taken	No. of Samples found unsatisfactory	Action taken on Unsatisfactory Samples.
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			Commercial department is informed to initiate penal action as per provisions of the contract with catering contractors / departmental remedial action.
2001	17623	1048	

2002	17608	1150	
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2003	17050	1033	
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For the samples collected under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, prosecution is launched in the competent court of law as per provision of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and in case of minor offences departmental action is initiated.

For the samples collected under Quality Control, information is given to the concerned commercial department at divisional / zonal level to initiate penal action as per provisions of the contract with the catering contractors / departmental action.